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**SAFE**

**I CLAIM:**

1. (currently amended) A safe comprising:

2       an enclosure including

            a frame having a top, bottom, front, and back; said front of said frame

4       having an opening therein; said frame including:

            a hinge side wall having a length; and

6                   a latch side wall opposing said hinge side wall and having a length;

and

8                   a door movable between closed and open positions including:

            an outer face; and

10              an inner face; said inner face in the closed door position for

covering said opening of said front of said frame;

12              a hinge within said enclosure hingedly connecting said door to said hinge side  
wall for opening and closing said door;

14              a latch for holding said door in the closed position including:

            finger means including:

16              catch means; said finger means connected to said inner face of said  
door and projecting rearward such that said catch means is disposed within said enclosure  
18              along substantially the length of said latch side wall with said door in the closed position;

            a latch plate including:

20              engaging means; said latch plate mounted to said frame within said  
enclosure adjacent substantially the length of said latch side wall; said latch plate

22              movable between a latching position wherein said engaging means engages said catch  
means of said finger means along substantially the length of said latch side wall with said

24              door in the closed position such that said door cannot open and an unlatching position  
wherein said engaging means does not engage said catch means;

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26                   latch plate moving means connected to said latch plate for moving said  
latch plate between the latching position and the unlatching position; said moving means  
28                   actuated from external said enclosure; and

                      locking means including:

30                   a main bolt mounted to said frame within said enclosure; said main bolt  
movable between a locking position wherein said main bolt engages said latch plate such  
32                   that said latch plate cannot move to the unlatching position and an unlocking position  
wherein said main bolt does not prevent said latch plate from moving to the unlatching  
34                   position;

                      main bolt moving means for moving said main bolt between the locking  
36                   position and the unlocking position; said main bolt moving means accessed from external  
said frame; and

38                   a first lock including:

                      a bolt; and

40                   lock actuation means; said first lock mounted to said frame and  
actuated by said first lock actuation means from external said frame between a locking  
42                   position wherein said first lock bolt engages said main bolt such that said main bolt  
cannot move from the locking position to an unlocked position wherein said first lock  
44                   bolt does not prevent said main bolt from moving to the unlocked position.

2. (original) The safe of Claim 1 wherein said first lock is a key lock and said actuation  
2 means is a keyway through said frame

3. (original) The safe of Claim 1 wherein said latch plate moving means, said main bolt  
2 moving means, and said first lock actuation means act through said latch side wall.

4. (original) The safe of Claim 1 further including:

2                   a second lock including:

                      a bolt; and

4                   lock actuation means; said second lock mounted to said frame and  
actuated by said second lock actuation means from external said frame between a locking

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6 position wherein said second lock bolt engages said main bolt such that said main bolt  
cannot move from the locking position to an unlocked position wherein said second lock  
8 bolt does not prevent said main bolt from moving to the unlocked position.

5. (original) The safe of Claim 4 wherein said second lock is electronic and actuated by  
2 a remote control.

6. (original) The safe of Claim 4 wherein said second lock is electronic and actuated by  
2 a keypad on the outside of said frame.

7. (currently amended) A wall safe for disposition in a wall; said safe comprising:  
2 an enclosure including  
4 a frame having a top, bottom, front, and back and having a back portion  
for disposition in the wall and a front portion; said front of said frame having an opening  
therein; said frame including:  
6 securing means for securing said frame in a wall;  
8 a hinge side wall having a length; and  
a latch side wall opposing said hinge side wall and having a length;  
and

10 a door movable between closed and open positions including:  
an outer face; and  
12 an inner face; said inner face in the closed door position for  
covering said opening of said front of said frame;  
14 a hinge within said enclosure hingedly connecting said door to said hinge side  
wall for opening and closing said door;  
16 a latch for holding said door in the closed position including:  
finger means including:  
18 catch means; said finger means connected to said inner face of said  
door and projecting rearward such that said catch means is disposed within said enclosure  
20 along substantially the length of said latch side wall with said door in the closed position;  
a latch plate including:

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22                         engaging means; said latch plate mounted to said frame within said  
23                         enclosure adjacent substantially the length of said latch side wall; said latch plate  
24                         movable between a latching position wherein said engaging means engages said catch  
25                         means of said finger means along substantially the length of said latch side wall with said  
26                         door in the closed position such that said door cannot open and an unlatching position  
27                         wherein said engaging means does not engage said catch means;

28                         latch plate moving means for moving said latch plate between the latching  
29                         position and the unlatching position; said moving means actuated from external said  
30                         enclosure; and

                               locking means including:

32                         a main bolt mounted to said frame within said enclosure; said main bolt  
33                         movable between a locking position wherein main bolt engages said latch plate such  
34                         that said latch plate cannot move to the unlatching position and an unlocking position  
35                         wherein said main bolt does not prevent said latch plate from moving to the unlatching  
36                         position;

                               main bolt moving means for moving said main bolt between the locking  
38                         position and the unlocking position; said main bolt moving means accessed from external  
39                         said frame; and

40                         a first lock including:

                               a bolt; and

42                         actuation means; said first lock mounted to said frame and actuated  
43                         by said actuation means from external said frame between a locking position wherein  
44                         said first lock bolt engages said main bolt such that said main bolt cannot move from the  
45                         locking position to an unlocked position wherein said first lock bolt does not prevent said  
46                         main bolt from moving to the unlocked position.

8. (original) The safe of Claim 7 wherein said first lock is a key lock and said actuation

2                         means is a keyway through said frame.

9. (original) The safe of Claim 7 wherein said latch plate moving means, said main bolt

2                         moving means, and said first lock actuation means act through said latch side wall

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10. (original) The safe of Claim 7 further including:

2           a second lock including:  
                a bolt; and  
4           lock actuation means; said second lock mounted to said frame and  
actuated by said second lock actuation means from external said frame between a locking  
6           position wherein said second lock bolt engages said main bolt such that said main bolt  
cannot move from the locking position to an unlocked position wherein said second lock  
8           bolt does not prevent said main bolt from moving to the unlocked position.

11. (original) The safe of Claim 10 wherein said second lock is electronic and actuated

2           by a remote control.

12. (original) The safe of Claim 10 wherein said second lock is electronic and actuated

2           by a keypad on the outside of said frame.

13. (currently amended) In combination:

2           a wall having a front including:  
                framing including:  
4           a pair of spaced wall studs;  
a wall safe comprising:  
6           an enclosure including  
                a frame having a top, bottom, front, and back and a width equal to  
8           the lateral spacing of said wall studs, and having a back portion ~~for retention~~ retained in  
said wall; said front of said frame having an opening therein; said frame including  
10           a hinge side wall having a length; and  
                a latch side wall opposing said hinge side wall and having a  
12           length; and  
                a door movable between closed and open positions including:  
14           an outer face; and

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an inner face; said inner face in the closed door position for  
16 covering said opening of said front of said frame;  
securing means ~~for securing~~ securing said wall safe to said wall framing;  
18 a hinge within said enclosure hingedly connecting said door to said hinge  
side wall for opening and closing said door;  
20 a latch for holding said door in the closed position including:  
finger means including:  
22 catch means; said finger means connected to said inner face  
of said door and projecting rearward such that said catch means is disposed within said  
24 enclosure along substantially the length of said latch side wall with said door in the  
closed position;  
26 a latch plate including:  
engaging means; said latch plate mounted to said frame  
28 within said enclosure adjacent substantially the length of said latch side wall; said latch  
plate movable between a latching position wherein said engaging means engages said  
30 catch means of said finger means along substantially the length of said latch side wall  
with said door in the closed position such that said door cannot open and an unlatching  
32 position wherein said engaging means does not engage said catch means;  
latch plate moving means for moving said latch plate between the  
34 latching position and the unlatching position; said moving means actuated from external  
said enclosure; and  
36 locking means including:  
a main bolt mounted to said frame within said enclosure; said main  
38 bolt movable between a locking position wherein said main bolt engages said latch plate  
such that said latch plate cannot move to the unlatching position and an unlocking  
40 position wherein said main bolt does not prevent said latch plate from moving to the  
unlatching position;  
42 main bolt moving means for moving said main bolt between the  
locking position and the unlocking position; said main bolt moving means accessed from  
44 external said frame; and  
a first lock including:

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46                   a bolt; and  
actuation means; said first lock mounted to said frame and  
48 actuated by said actuation means from external said frame between a locking position  
wherein said first lock bolt engages said main bolt such that said main bolt cannot move  
50 from the locking position to an unlocked position wherein said first lock bolt does not  
prevent said main bolt from moving to the unlocked position.

14. (original) The combination of Claim 13 wherein said latch plate moving means, said  
2 main bolt moving means, and said first lock actuation means act through said latch side  
wall.

15. (original) The combination of Claim 13 further including:

2                   a second lock including:  
a bolt; and  
4                   lock actuation means; said second lock mounted to said frame and  
actuated by said second lock actuation means from external said frame between a locking  
6 position wherein said second lock bolt engages said main bolt such that said main bolt  
cannot move from the locking position to an unlocked position wherein said second lock  
8 bolt does not prevent said main bolt from moving to the unlocked position.

16. (original) The combination of Claim 15 wherein said second lock is electronic; and  
2 wherein said latch plate moving means, said main bolt moving means, and said first lock  
actuation means act through said latch side wall.

17. (original) The combination of Claim 15 wherein said second lock is electronic and  
2 actuated by a remote control.

18. (original) The combination of Claim 15 wherein said second lock is electronic and  
2 actuated by a keypad on the outside of said frame.

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19. (original) The combination of Claim 13 wherein said hinge side wall and said latch  
2 side wall are horizontal.

20. (currently amended) The combination of Claim ~~18~~ 13 wherein said hinge side wall  
2 is below said latch side wall.

21. (cancelled)

22. (new) The safe of Claim 1 wherein said first lock is a mechanical lock and said  
2 actuation means operates through said frame.